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2nd October 2021

MATURE PUBLIC INFORMATION EVENING
12th January 2022
Meet the Mature Students Officer and learn about degrees, careers, SUSI Grants, Access Courses and CAO application

Find out more:
www.nuigalway.ie/opendays
www.nuigalway.ie/mature-publicevents
www.nuigalway.ie/cao
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Virtual Public Information Evening - College for Everyone

Wednesday, January 12th, 7pm to 9pm

This special information evening is designed particularly for anyone aged 23 or over, who maybe considering studies at NUI Galway in 2022 with an emphasis on applying to a full-time degree aimed at those who never thought it was possible and could not for a diverse range of reasons attend third level in earlier years. It is an annual event to reach out to community that university is accessible to all and to promote lifelong learning. All adult learners are welcome no matter what your age is as the university offers so much more than just full-time degrees.

The Mature Students Officer will give a welcome presentation at 7pm explaining the CAO application procedure and sharing some past students experiences with you.

Representatives from all our College Degree Programmes will be there to answer questions about career opportunities and learning outcomes of their individual programmes.

The Careers Service will be there to assist with questions on career prospects if you complete a degree.

The Centre for Adult Learning and Professional Development will be present and offers short special interest courses, on-line courses, languages, classroom based learning and professional development courses.

Many people attending the evening in the past have been directed into Access Diploma Courses to give them the Foundation Skills in academic subjects at a pre-university level 6 and supported onwards to degrees in all disciplines at NUI Galway. These courses build confidence in self, ability and supports each individual to reach their full potential.

There is a place for everyone at NUI Galway whether it is through an Access course, a full-time degree or through our Centre for Adult Learning and Professional Development Programmes. Full details will be available on our website in December.

Find out more:

www.nuigalway.ie/adult-learning
www.nuigalway.ie/accesscentre
www.susi.ie
What Is the Definition of a Mature Student?

**Full-time Degree Mature Student**
You will qualify as a mature applicant for full-time study if you are at least 23 years of age on or before 1st January in the year you submit your application and if your Leaving Certificate qualifications are insufficient for standard admission. Therefore, to apply to NUI Galway for the academic year 2022, your birth date must be on or before January 1st 1999 and you must have lived in an EU/EEA Member State for three of the last five years. Students attending university on a full-time basis are generally not in full-time employment.

If you started a degree but did not complete it, you must be 5 years out of formal education to qualify for Free Tuition Fees again.

Holders of a Level 8 degree, who may be 23 or over will not qualify for Free Tuition Fees but still eligible to apply as a Mature Student but the costs can prevent studying again at this level. Such students are encouraged to look at Post Graduate study options.

**Part-Time Degree Mature Student**
The Centre for Adult Learning and Professional Development recognises mature students at the age of 21 and over. This route may suit you if you are in full-time employment.

**Access Mature Student**
You will qualify as a mature applicant for an Access Course if you are 23 or over. If you apply at the age of 22 please ensure that you turn 23 before the 1st of January for progression purposes to a full-time degree. The Access Course is one year part-time daytime course that aims to provide disadvantaged mature students with the opportunity to prepare, personally and academically, for an undergraduate course of full-time study of at least three years duration at NUI Galway.

**School Leaver Access Course**
The Access Course for School Leavers is a course specifically designed for students who are aged 22 or under and has a proven ability to study, but was unable to progress due to financial, family, personal and other issues that disrupted their studies and denied progression to higher education.

**Find out more:**
- [www.nuigalway.ie/mature](http://www.nuigalway.ie/mature)
- [www.nuigalway.ie/access](http://www.nuigalway.ie/access)
- [www.nuigalway.ie/adult-learning](http://www.nuigalway.ie/adult-learning)
How to Apply as a Mature Student for Full-time Degrees

Mature students should apply online through the Central Applications Office (www.cao.ie) before the 1st of February for all NUI Galway’s full-time undergraduate courses.

The cost of applying through the CAO is approximately €45. There is an online discounted rate of €30 if you apply before the January 20th. It is important to complete the CAO application form thoroughly. Supporting documentation such as exam results, current studies and a strong statement of intent are essential components of your CAO application for some programmes.

If you use the online application process you must forward your supporting documentation to the CAO immediately afterwards with your name and CAO number clearly stated on each document. Do not send any documents to NUI Galway - these will not be reviewed. Documentation that supports your application will only be considered for admission purposes if it has been included with your formal application through the CAO. NUI Galway does not accept late Mature Students applications after the Feb 1st deadline.

**Important:** Your supporting documents must arrive in the CAO offices within seven days of your submission of the online application. It is of the utmost importance as a mature student that you ensure all relevant information, including evidence of formal education, certificates, personal statements and other requested documents, are included with your CAO application. Omission of this information may affect the success of your application to NUI Galway.

The CAO also provides a comprehensive handbook, which includes information specific to mature students and must be read carefully in advance of submitting a final application.

Some Degree Programmes also require the applicant to register for assessments in association with their CAO application with certain deadlines and one testing date. Such programmes are Medicine (HPAT), Arts (MASP) and Nursing (NMBI).

**Find out more:**

- [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)
- [https://hpat-ireland.acer.org](https://hpat-ireland.acer.org)
- [https://www.msap-ireland.acer.org](https://www.msap-ireland.acer.org)
Mature Student Scholarships

NUIG Galway has encouraged and facilitated the admission of mature students to its programmes over many years.

There are some scholarships that applicants can apply to before even receiving a college offer. More are given on merit or for socio-economic reasons.

Scholarships include:

- Mature Students Scholarships
- Uversity Scholarships

These are applicable to Mature Students in particular.

For details of each scholarship, application dates and eligibility criteria please refer to nuigalway.ie/mature/scholarships

Terms and conditions apply.

Find out more:

www.nuigalway.ie/mature/scholarships/
The following are a number of student support services that you can avail of as a full-time mature student:

**Return to Learning programme**
The Return to Learning programme is offered in August to new incoming Mature and Access Mature students, so as to prepare them academically, socially and practically before the semester begins. The programme comprises of a series of workshops including practical study skills sessions, memory techniques, practical computing and advice on making the transition to third level education as well as information on the support services in the University. These workshops provide you with an opportunity to meet fellow mature students, make friends, and familiarise yourself with our campus.

**Orientation**
The university runs an orientation week for all new first years in early September with an opportunity to hear college talks from the Deans, learn about academic and personal supports, and receive timetables and library tours.

**Academic Skills workshops**
NUI Galway runs a number of practical skills workshops throughout the academic year ranging from academic writing, research skills, and practical study skills to revision techniques and exam preparation.

**Find out more:**

- [www.nuigalway.ie/academic-skills](http://www.nuigalway.ie/academic-skills)
- [www.library.nuigalway.ie/awc](http://www.library.nuigalway.ie/awc)
- [http://www.nuigalway.ie/public-sites/s-u-m-s](http://www.nuigalway.ie/public-sites/s-u-m-s)
- [www.nuigalway.ie/students](http://www.nuigalway.ie/students)
- [www.nuigalway.ie/disability](http://www.nuigalway.ie/disability)

The SUMS Centre provides mathematical supports for all students but has Fridays dedicated to Mature Students.

The Academic Writing Centre provides practical supports with writing essays guidance on how to improve your approach to assignment writing tasks.

On-Line study resources are available through Blackboard our internal learning system.

**Financial and Student Supports**
The Financial Aid Fund can assist students who are in an extremely hard financial situation.

The Counselling Service provides students with an opportunity to have support for on-going concerns and can provide an appointment with a Mental Health Officer if required.

The Disability Support Service supports students who have long-term physical or a mental health conditions, or a specific learning difficulty and are encouraged to register with the Disability Support Service to ensure supports and accommodations can be put in place to enable them to fulfil academic potential.

The team are committed to the provision of an equitable learning environment that will enable you to become an independent learner and highly skilled graduate.
JESSICA BREDICAN, 30 (Arts)

A decade after deciding not to sit my leaving cert I enrolled in NUI Galway’s Access program. The course was the right mix of challenges and supports to build my confidence and skills and I’m now excited to be going into my first year of Applied Social Sciences in September.

I had worked part time in sales, as a barista and in salons, but I always had a thirst for knowledge and desire to get a third level education.

I have loved being a mature student. I found the determination and outlook of my fellow matures inspiring. In the humanities especially, life experience is incredibly useful for understanding the complex topics.
NUI Galway’s Access Office offers pre-university preparatory Access and Foundation diploma programmes for under-represented groups in higher education - for example, those from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds, students with disabilities and mature students including adults who may be in employment.

The preparatory programmes are student centred and are delivered in a very supportive environment by experienced tutors and staff. The overall aim is to give the chance of college to everyone and to provide an opportunity to progress to full-time or part-time degrees once the foundation year is completed. Each year over 200 students progress to university and excel in their new degrees. Continued support is provided to all students by the Access Centre.

**Mature and School Leavers Access Course**
The Mature Access Course is a full-time day programme for disadvantaged students over 22 from diverse backgrounds and is free based on meeting certain financial and personal conditions. Subjects offered are in the areas of Humanities, Science and Business and also teaches Academic Writing, Study Skills, Technology and Career/College Guidance. Upon completion and meeting certain grades, students progress to full-time degrees in these areas including Health Sciences, Law and Engineering. School Leavers are under 22 meeting similar access requirements and can progress to Humanities, Science, Business, Law, Health Sciences, Engineering and Nursing.

**Out Reach Access Courses**
These free programmes are delivered in centres such as Ballinasloe, Carraroe and St. Angela’s Sligo. They are made up of both Mature and School Leavers from disadvantaged backgrounds. These courses provide the opportunity to progress to NUI Galway or St. Angela’s Sligo upon completion offering a range of subjects including Home Economics unique to St. Angela’s.

**Diploma in Foundation Studies Science, Technology and Engineering**
This is a joint diploma delivery with GMIT and is a fee paying evening programme that runs two evenings and some Saturdays from September to May and is suitable for those over 22 who are interested in moving onwards to a full-time or part-time degree in NUI Galway or GMIT in areas such as Engineering, Science, Computer Science and Health Sciences. Academic subjects include Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Support Modules include Academic Writing, Study Skills, Technology and Career/College Guidance.

Fees are €380 for employed and €60 for unemployed.

**Diploma in Foundation Studies Business, Arts and Law**
This is a joint diploma delivery with GMIT and is a fee paying evening programme that runs two evenings and some Saturdays from September to May and is suitable for those over 22 who are interested in moving onwards to a full-time or part-time degree in NUI Galway or GMIT in areas such as Business, Humanities and Law. Academic Support Modules include Academic Writing, Study Skills, Technology and Career/College Guidance subjects include Maths, Economics, Business Skills and Accountancy.

Fees are €380 for employed and €60 for unemployed.

**Access and Diploma Progression Criteria to Degrees and Scholarships**
All Modules studied in all Access and Diploma courses must be passed and completed and attendance required is 85%. All courses are classroom based over 2 semesters with exams, assignments and continuous assessment. Certain subjects require A’s and practical work experience for some degrees including Health Sciences and Nursing (School Leavers) All students who want to proceed to full-time degrees apply to the CAO before Jan 20th for a discounted fee of €30.

Places in degrees are allocated according to grades and competition for places.

Certain high achieving mature students who enter 1st year of a full-time degree may receive a scholarship of 1,500 euros subject to terms and conditions. Other funding may be available through the Financial Aid Fund and Access Funds for School Leavers.

**How To Apply**
Applications to all Access Courses are completed online from March. Interviews apply. Details of documents required are available on the access website.

Applications to Diploma in Foundation Studies Science, Technology and Engineering/ Business, Arts and Law are completed on-line from July. No interviews apply.

Information Evenings are ran during the year on all listed courses and will be posted on the access website throughout the year.

**Find out more:**

- [www.nuigalway.ie/access](http://www.nuigalway.ie/access)
- [www.nuigalway.ie/mature/part-time](http://www.nuigalway.ie/mature/part-time)
QQI (FETAC) Applications

A number of Undergraduate programmes in NUI Galway are open on a competitive basis to students who present with a recognised QQI (FETAC) Qualification.

In order to be considered for a place on these programmes, students are required to have completed the requisite Level 5 or Level 6 course and hold a minimum of five distinctions in the requisite modules.

For the most up-to-date and comprehensive list of QQI (Fetac) entry routes and requirements, see the CAO website or discuss with your Education Advisor in your college of further education.

Please note that places are limited for QQI applicants in degree programmes. Quotas of places are advertised on the admissions website.

If you are doing a pre-nursing course and are over 23, you can also apply as a Mature Student and take the nursing exam in addition to completing your QQI course to have a second chance of obtaining a nursing place.

All applications must be made before Feb 1st through the CAO on year of application for a full-time degree.

Find out more:

access@nuigalway.ie
www.cao.ie
www.nuigalway.ie/accesscentre/qqifetac/
www.nmbi.ie/Careers-in-Nursing-Midwifery
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<td>Bachelor of Arts (Joint-Honours)</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
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<td>GY104</td>
<td>BSc (Psychology)</td>
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<td>MSAP, Further Education in Psychology, Statement of Intent.</td>
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<td>GY105</td>
<td>History</td>
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<td>GY109</td>
<td>Arts (Mathematics and Education)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>MSAP, Honours Maths, Experience and Statement of Intent.</td>
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<td>GY110</td>
<td>Arts with Children's Studies (Child, Youth and Family: Policy and Practice)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>MSAP, Background in Children or Youth Studies through Further Education, Work Experience. On your CAO application please indicate which stream of GY110 you would like to study.</td>
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<td>GY111</td>
<td>Arts (English and Creative Writing)</td>
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<td>MSAP, Evidence of written works or publishings and recent studies in a relevant area.</td>
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<td>GY113</td>
<td>Human Rights with Arts</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>MSAP and work/life experience and further education in human rights issues.</td>
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<td>GY118</td>
<td>Bachelor of Arts in Drama, Theatre &amp; Performance Studies</td>
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<td>MSAP and work/life/performance experience and further education in theatre.</td>
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<td>GY119</td>
<td>BA with Journalism</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>MSAP and work/life/ experience and further education in writing.</td>
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<td>GY122</td>
<td>Na Dána (Cumarsaid)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Irish from Leaving Cert to an Honours standard both written and oral, written assessment and interview.</td>
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<td>GY123</td>
<td>BSc Applied Social Sciences</td>
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<td>MSAP and work/life/experience and further education in social issues.</td>
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<td>GY125</td>
<td>Arts (Digital Arts and Technology)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>MSAP exam plus Leaving Cert Mathematics. Evidence of IT experience in web design and coding is desirable.</td>
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<td>GY127</td>
<td>Arts (Film and Digital Media)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>MSAP exam plus evidence of interest in film and screen with a brief description of a topic of a media of your choice and further education studies completed in a relevant area.</td>
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<td>GY128</td>
<td>Arts (Global Languages) Places to be approved</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>MSAP exam plus evidence of an aptitude for languages supported by either further education, leaving cert or life experience of living in a non-English speaking country.</td>
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<td>GY129</td>
<td>Arts (Global Experience)</td>
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<td>MSAP exam plus evidence of an aptitude for languages supported by either further education, leaving cert or life experience of living in a non-English speaking country.</td>
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<td>GY130</td>
<td>Arts (Music)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>MSAP exam plus ability to read music.</td>
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<td>GY133</td>
<td>BA Education (Computer Science and Mathematical Studies)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>MSAP Exam plus Honours Maths.</td>
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<tr>
<td>GY134</td>
<td>BSc (Geography and Geosystems)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>MSAP Exam plus evidence of Maths and Science ability from Leaving Certificate or equivalent.</td>
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<td>GY135</td>
<td>Arts (Global Media)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>MSAP plus evidence of media background and further education.</td>
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<td>GY136</td>
<td>Na Dána (Léann Teanga)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Evidence or Gaeilge or French from the Leaving Cert. Irish Interview applies and an Irish Written Test is required. MSAP NOT required.</td>
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<td>GY201</td>
<td>Commerce</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
<td>Criteria for selection include an assessment of the candidate’s ability to benefit from, and to undertake the programme. Experience and educational background are taken into account. An aptitude for Mathematics is beneficial. Interviews are not required.</td>
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<td>GY202</td>
<td>Commerce with French</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
<td>Criteria as for GY201. In addition, you must submit evidence of certificates/diplomas obtained studying the French language.</td>
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<td>GY203</td>
<td>Commerce with German</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
<td>Criteria as for GY201. In addition, you must submit evidence of certificates/diplomas obtained studying German.</td>
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<tr>
<td>GY204</td>
<td>Commerce with Spanish</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
<td>Criteria as for GY201. In addition, a proven aptitude for learning modern languages.</td>
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<tr>
<td>GY206</td>
<td>Business Information Systems</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
<td>Criteria as for GY201. In addition, an aptitude for Mathematics (normally Leaving Certificate ordinary level) is required.</td>
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<tr>
<td>GY207</td>
<td>Commerce (Accounting)</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
<td>Criteria as for GY201 and should have studied maths to Leaving Certificate standard or equivalent. A good standard of English is an advantage. An aptitude for Accountancy (normally Leaving Certificate or equivalent) is desirable and where possible to have taken exams and modules in an Accountancy Technician course.</td>
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<td>GY208</td>
<td>Commerce (Gaeilge)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Criteria as for GY201 and have a HC2/H4 in Leaving Certificate Irish.</td>
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<td>GY209</td>
<td>Commerce (Global Experience) Places to be approved</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Criteria as for GY201.</td>
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<tr>
<td>GY250</td>
<td>Law &amp; Business</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
<td>Criteria include an aptitude for legal study, Accountancy, Mathematics, and the likelihood of successful completion of the course. A strong statement of intent is required in the CAO application. A good standard of the English, written and verbal (normally leaving cert standard or equivalent). Students may be required to attend an interview.</td>
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<td>GY251</td>
<td>Law (BCL)</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
<td>A strong statement of intent is required in the CAO application. A good standard of the English, written and verbal (normally leaving cert standard or equivalent); Students may be required to attend an interview.</td>
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<td>GY252</td>
<td>Law (BCL) and Human rights</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>A strong statement of intent is required in the CAO application plus evidence of voluntary work in Human Rights areas. A good standard of the English, written and verbal (normally leaving cert standard or equivalent). Students may be required to attend an interview.</td>
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<td>GY253</td>
<td>Law and Taxation</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Criteria as for GY250.</td>
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<td>GY254</td>
<td>Law (BCL) Criminology and Criminal Justice</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>A strong statement of intent is required in the CAO application. A good standard of the English, written and verbal (normally leaving cert standard or equivalent); Students may be required to attend an interview.</td>
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<td>GY301</td>
<td>Science (Undenominated)</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
<td>Evidence of mathematical and science ability is desired either from the Leaving Certificate or from Further education completed. Please include statements of Leaving Cert exam.</td>
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<td>GY303</td>
<td>Biomedical Science</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
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<td>GY304</td>
<td>Biotechnology</td>
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<td>GY308</td>
<td>Environmental Science</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
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<td>GY309</td>
<td>Financial Mathematics and Economics</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
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<td>GY310</td>
<td>Marine Science</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
<td>Evidence of mathematical and science ability is desired either from the Leaving Certificate or from Further education completed. Please include statements of Leaving Cert exam.</td>
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<td>GY313</td>
<td>Health and Safety Systems</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
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<td>GY314</td>
<td>Earth and Ocean Sciences</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
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<td>GY318</td>
<td>Biopharmaceutical Chemistry</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
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<td>GY319</td>
<td>Mathematical Science</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
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<td>GY320</td>
<td>Physics with degree options</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
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<td>GY321</td>
<td>Genetics and Genomics</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
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<td>GY322</td>
<td>Agricultural Sciences</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
<td>Evidence of mathematical and science ability from Leaving Cert including Agricultural Science. Further Education and advantage in a relevant area.</td>
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<td>GY401</td>
<td>Engineering (Undenominated)</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
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<td>GY402</td>
<td>Civil Engineering</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
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<td>GY405</td>
<td>Mechanical Engineering</td>
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<td>GY406</td>
<td>Electronic and Computer Engineering</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
<td>A minimum of grade C3 Higher Level Maths (H5) is desirable and evidence of science studied at Leaving Cert Level or equivalent. IT and Technical Drawing subjects, will be considered; therefore please include statements of Leaving Cert exam.</td>
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<td>GY408</td>
<td>Biomedical Engineering</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
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<td>GY410</td>
<td>Project and Construction Management</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
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<td>GY413</td>
<td>Engineering - Energy Systems</td>
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<td>GY414</td>
<td>Engineering - Electrical and Electronic</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
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<td>GY350</td>
<td>Computer Science and Information Technology</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
<td>A minimum of grade C3 Higher Level Maths (H5) is desirable and evidence of science studied at Leaving Cert Level or equivalent. IT and Computer programming subjects, will be considered; therefore please include statements of Leaving Cert exam.</td>
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<td>GY501</td>
<td>Medicine (Surgery and Obstetrics)</td>
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<td>Honours Leaving Cert Laboratory Science (C2 or H4 minimum) such as Chemistry, Physics, Biology or Agricultural Science is required. HPAT test must be completed and Interview for shortlisted candidates.</td>
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<td>GY502</td>
<td>Occupational Therapy</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Honours Leaving Certificate Science and work experience in a health care area is required for consideration to Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy and Podiatric Medicine. A strong Statement of Intent is required in your CAO application.</td>
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<td>GY503</td>
<td>Speech and Language Therapy</td>
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<td>Honours Leaving Certificate Science and work experience in a health care area is required for consideration to Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy and Podiatric Medicine. A strong Statement of Intent is required in your CAO application.</td>
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<td>GY504</td>
<td>Podiatric Medicine</td>
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<td>Honours Leaving Certificate Science and work experience in a health care area is required for consideration to Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy and Podiatric Medicine. A strong Statement of Intent is required in your CAO application.</td>
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DAVID HENRY (Arts)

I chose NUI Galway because I wanted to pursue a career as a secondary school teacher. I completed a BA and a PME in order to achieve this qualification.

I was working as a Youth Worker in my local community before becoming a mature student at NUI Galway.

I found the services available to me exceptional to say the least. The resources that were made available by NUI Galway helped me successfully achieve the top marks is required in order to obtain a full-time job as a teacher. I volunteered my services to the NUI Galway sports unit and this allowed me to work with many sporting codes in the university as a coach and mentor.

I am a full-time teacher in Galway city. I still keep in touch with members of staff in the university and the many great friends I made in college.
The College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies is at the cutting edge of new thinking in every subject offered within our programmes. Our degrees are designed to inspire your intellectual curiosity, build your capacity for creative and critical thinking.

**JOINT-HONOURS**

(Statement of Intent not required in the CAO application unless applying for other listed degrees to follow)

**GY101 Bachelor of Arts**
- MSAP Exam Only and No Interviews (score of over 80 required)

**BA DEGREES**

(A Statement of Intent must be completed in your CAO application)

**GY111 Bachelor of Arts with Creative Writing**
- MSAP Exam plus knowledge of the degree, evidence of written work and all further education courses completed in a relevant area. Interview may apply.

**GY113 Bachelor of Arts with Human Rights**
- MSAP Exam plus knowledge of the degree, evidence of work in a related area and all further education courses completed in a relevant area. Interview may apply.

**GY119 Bachelor of Arts Journalism**
- MSAP Exam plus knowledge of the degree, evidence of work in a related area and all further education courses completed in a relevant area. Interview may apply.

**GY110 Arts with Children’s Studies (Child, Youth and Family: Policy and Practice)**
- MSAP Exam plus knowledge of the degree, evidence of work in a related area and all further education courses completed in a relevant area. Interview may apply.

On your CAO application please indicate which stream of GY110 you would like to study.
DENOMINATED

(A Statement of Intent must be completed in your CAO application)

GY118 Bachelor of Arts in Drama, Theatre & Performance Studies
MSAP Exam plus knowledge of the degree, evidence of work in a related area and all further education courses completed in a relevant area. Interview may apply.

GY104 Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)
MSAP Exam and evidence of further education in the area of psychology. Psychology can also be studied through the Arts Omnibus GY101 and mature applicants are encouraged to put both programmes on their CAO application.

GY105 Bachelor of Arts History
MSAP Exam Only (Statement of Intent not required in the CAO application)

GY109 Bachelor of Arts (Mathematics and Education)
MSAP Exam plus Honours Leaving Certificate Maths.

GY123 BSc (Applied Social Sciences)
MSAP exam plus knowledge of the degree, evidence of work in a related area and all further education courses completed in a relevant area. Interview may apply.

GY125 Arts (Digital Arts and Technology)
MSAP exam plus Leaving Cert Mathematics. Evidence of interest and/or experience in Information Technology is desirable. A strong statement of intent should show knowledge of the degree, your motivation for studies and efforts of any further education completed in recent years.

GY127 Arts (Film and Digital Media)
MSAP exam plus evidence of interest in film and screen with a brief description of a topic of a media of your choice and further education studies completed in a relevant area.

GY128 Arts (Global Languages)
MSAP exam plus evidence of global languages, not including English.

GY129 Arts (Global Experience)
MSAP exam plus evidence of an aptitude for languages supported by either further education, leaving cert or life experience of living in a non-English speaking country.
GY130 Arts (Music)
MSAP exam and must have the ability to read music.

GY132 Government (Politics, Economics and Law)
MSAP exam.

GY133 BA Education (Computer Science and Mathematical Studies)
MSAP Exam plus Honours Maths with a H5.

GY134 BSc (Geography and Geosystems)
MSAP Exam plus evidence of Maths and Science results from the Leaving Cert or from further education in these areas. This degree involves a proficient level of maths and science ability. A strong statement of intent in the CAO application demonstrating knowledge of the degree.

GY135 Arts (Global Media)
MSAP Exam plus evidence of media interest and further education completed in a relevant area. A strong statement of intent is required in your CAO application demonstrating knowledge and commitment to the degree.

ACADAMH NA HOLLSCOLÁÍOCHTA GAEILGE

GY122 Na Dána (Cumarsáid agus Gaeilge)
Leaving Certificate Irish, Irish Interview, Irish Written Test is required. MSAP NOT required. Demonstrate knowledge of the degree, evidence of work in a related area and all further education courses completed in a relevant area in your CAO application.

GY136 Na Dána (Léann Teanga)
Degree Options: BA Gaeilge agus Léann an Aistriúcháin ó BA (Fraincis agus Léann an Aistriúcháin)
Leaving Certificate Irish and French for BA Francis. Irish Interview applies and an Irish Written Test is required. MSAP NOT required. Demonstrate knowledge of the degree, evidence of work in a related area and all further education courses completed in a relevant area in your CAO application.
Applications to the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies programmes are considered on the results of the MSAP - Mature Students Admissions Pathway - exam (except Na Dána degrees).

In addition, an interview may apply if shortlisted for certain programmes listed in this guide. Not everyone who applies for restricted programmes is called to interview. Places are limited.

All are encouraged to write a strong Statement of Intent in your CAO application stating your knowledge of degree, profession, why choose you and any further relevant studies completed or life experience gained that would make you an ideal student. This does not apply if only applying for GY101 or GY105 as MSAP score is only required. A minimum of an overall score of 80 is required to enter these programmes. For all other degrees the highest performers of MSAP and other criteria is considered.

Information on the MSAP test for 2022 will be on their website, along with dates, process and setting up your ACER personal account. The cost is approximately €97 if applied for on time. All queries on MSAP can be sent to msap-ireland@acer.org.

If you need special support for the exam you will need to supply ACER with evidence of your disability. Preparation Practice papers, tips and supports are available online.
Mature Students Admissions Pathway (MSAP) Procedure

Candidates are required to complete independently administered by ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research). Steps to register for the MSAP assessment are:

1. Apply through the CAO at www.cao.ie before 1st February
2. A CAO number is given to you via email
3. Apply directly to ACER to register for the MSAP assessment before 2nd February. Pay the fee of €97 by Diners Club, Mastercard or VISA assessment, materials required for the paper test, provision of assessment results to the candidate, and the transfer of results to the CAO. Early application for the assessment is advisable. If you do not have a credit card, single use cards are available for purchase from banks and shops for use on the internet.

The fee for MSAP-Ireland 2022 is €97 per candidate during the timely registration period (8 Nov 2021 - 30 January 2022). After this date, an additional fee of €35 applies to test bookings.

Test Date 5 March

Find out more:

https://hpat-ireland.acer.org/ w
www.cao.ie w
www.nuigalway.ie/undergrad w
www.nuigalway.ie/arts w
HAN NGUYEN, 36 (Business)

I chose NUI Galway because the University has a good reputation and I felt a qualification from NUI Galway would look good on my cv. I am currently enrolled on the Bachelor of Commerce course and completed the diploma in Foundation Studies Business in 2018.

I am a mother of two boys and worked in retail for a number of years before becoming a student at NUI Galway.

The supports available to mature students in NUI Galway are second to none. There is always someone available to advise and assist with any queries. Completing the Diploma in Business Foundations course really prepared me for returning to full time education. Help centres like SUMS and the Academic Writing centre are a great help too.
NUI Galway has a long history and is internationally recognised for producing high-quality, market-ready graduates in all areas of Business, Public Policy and Law. We offer a wide range of programmes, which are all taught by staff who are at the forefront of original thinking and innovation, ensuring you get the best student experience for your future career.

**J.E. CAIRNES SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS**

**GY201 Bachelor of Commerce**
Criteria for selection include an assessment of the candidate’s ability to benefit from, and to undertake, the programme. Experience and educational background are taken into account. Evidence of Mathematics from the Leaving Cert is required. Interviews are not required. Include a strong statement of intent in your CAO application demonstrating knowledge of the degree, professions and career plans.

**GY202 Bachelor of Commerce (International with French)**
Criteria as for GY201. In addition, you must submit evidence of certificates/diplomas obtained studying the French language.

**GY203 Bachelor of Commerce (International with German)**
Criteria as for GY201. In addition, you must submit evidence of certificates/diplomas obtained studying German.

**GY204 Bachelor of Commerce (International with Spanish)**
Criteria as for GY201. In addition, a proven aptitude for learning modern languages.

**GY206 Bachelor of Science (Business Information Systems)**
Criteria as for GY201.

**GY207 Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)**
Criteria as for GY201. Candidates should have studied maths to Leaving Certificate standard or equivalent. A good standard of English is an advantage. An aptitude for Accountancy (normally Leaving Certificate or equivalent) is desirable and where possible to have taken exams and modules in an Accountancy Technician course.

**GY208 Bachelor of Commerce (Gaeilge)**
Criteria as for GY201 and have a H4 in Leaving Certificate Irish.

**GY209 Bachelor of Commerce (Global Experience)**
Criteria as for GY201.
SHANNON COLLEGE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT

GY261 Bachelor of Business Studies (International Hotel Management)
Criteria as for GY201

SCHOOL OF LAW

GY250 Bachelor of Law & Business
Accountancy (normally leaving cert standard or equivalent) and Mathematics (normally leaving cert standard or equivalent) are required. In addition a strong statement of intent is required in the CAO application. A good standard of the English, written and verbal (normally leaving cert standard or equivalent). Students may be required to attend an interview.

GY251 Bachelor of Law (BCL)
A strong statement of intent is required in the CAO application. A good standard of the English, written and verbal (normally leaving cert standard or equivalent). Students may be required to attend an interview.

GY252 Law (BCL) and Human Rights
Criteria for selection include an assessment of the candidate’s ability to benefit from, and to undertake, the programme. Experience and educational background are taken into account. Voluntary or work experience in Human Rights issues. Interviews are not required.

GY253 Law and Taxation
Accountancy (normally leaving cert standard or equivalent) and Mathematics (normally leaving cert standard or equivalent) are required. In addition a strong statement of intent is required in the CAO application. A good standard of the English, written and verbal (normally leaving cert standard or equivalent). Students may be required to attend an interview.

GY254 Law (BCL), Criminology and Criminal Justice
A strong statement of intent is required in the CAO application. A good standard of the English, written and verbal (normally leaving cert standard or equivalent). Students may be required to attend an interview.

GY101 Bachelor of Arts (Joint-Honours) in Law
Criteria is MSAP exam Only - Refer to page 25

GY201 Law in Bachelor of Commerce
Criteria for selection include an assessment of the candidate’s ability to benefit from, and to undertake, the programme. Experience and educational background are taken into account. Leaving Cert Mathematics is required or equivalent. Interviews are not required.
Applications
Apply through the CAO before February 1st 2022.

Assessment procedure
Emphasis is placed on the academic criteria listed for each programme and on evidence of recent academic achievements (within the past three years is desirable). Factors which may assist in determining suitability for all courses include:

- Relevant work/life experience
- Absence of previous opportunity to undertake third-level education
- Leaving Certificate results and other educational qualifications

Work/Life experience
A detailed account of this is beneficial to your application. An aptitude for organisation, decision making and management is desirable. Commitment to your interests is sought.

Statement of Intent in the CAO
This should explain why you are motivated to pursue a degree in your chosen area of interest and how you see your degree being an asset to your future plans. Any personal interests or business/language-related activity would also be of interest.

Find out more:

- www.nuigalway.ie/law/
- www.nuigalway.ie/commerce
- www.cao.ie
CIARÁN MCCARTHY, 25 (Engineering and Informatics)

I chose NUI Galway for my study of Electronic & Computer Engineering due to its reputation for instilling good academic knowledge and its broad variety of extracurricular societies.

After I left school, I went straight to college but ended up leaving for a variety of reasons. I then spent time doing various part time courses and job hunting. Afterwards, I worked primarily as a chef in a large hotel.

I’ve found being a mature student to be refreshingly fun in comparison to the first time, straight out of school. It has given me a new perspective and I’ve found I am a lot more motivated in my studies, after having experienced life outside of academia.
College of
SCIENCE AND
ENGINEERING

At NUI Galway you will get a first-class education across all Science and Engineering disciplines, taught by lecturers who are leading experts in their fields, and who will prepare you for an interesting and challenging future in your chosen specialism.

GY401 Undenominated Engineering
GY402 BE (Civil)
GY405 BE (Mechanical)
GY406 BE (Electronic and Computer)
GY408 BE (Biomedical)
GY410 BSc (Project & Construction Management)
GY413 BE (Energy Systems)
GY414 BE (Electrical & Electronic)
GY350 BSc (Computer Science & Information Technology)
GY301 Bachelor of Science
GY303 BSc (Biomedical Science)
GY304 BSc (Biotechnology)
GY308 BSc (Environmental Science)
GY309 BSc (Financial Mathematics and Economics)
GY310 BSc (Marine Science)
GY313 BSc (Environmental Health and Safety)
GY314 BSc (Earth and Ocean Sciences)
GY318 BSc (Biopharmaceutical Chemistry)
GY319 BSc (Mathematical Science)
GY320 BSc (Physics – degree options in Applied, Astrophysics, Biomedical, Theoretical)
GY321 Genetics and Genomics
GY322 Agricultural Sciences

DID YOU KNOW
A Foundation Diploma Course in Science, Engineering and Technology best prepares Mature Students for degrees in Engineering.
See page 15 for more information.
I chose NUI Galway for its outstanding History course. When I saw that they also offered Archaeology, I knew I had to take the Joint-Honours Arts Degree specialising in the two. I knew NUI Galway could give me the necessary skills for academic achievement, for a chance to obtain a career that allowed me to delve into the pages of history, not just for fun, but as a way to make a living.

I had been unemployed for a couple of years before I heard of NUI Galway’s Mature Students opportunities. I was in a period of my life when I knew it was the right time to finally do something for myself.

The support systems on offer for Mature Students at NUI Galway are of the highest calibre. It was really difficult for me in the first few weeks to find my way, but there was so much support that I eventually found my footing and was able to make friends and study effectively. As a Mature Student, I believe that finding a healthy balance between study and leisure is really important, and once you have that, your time at NUI Galway will be so rewarding.
Engineering Criteria
A minimum of grade C3 Higher Level Maths (H5) is desirable for all Engineering Degrees and Computer Science degrees. Evidence of science studied at Leaving Cert Level or equivalent, IT and Technical Drawing subjects, will be considered; therefore please include statements of Leaving Cert exam.

Qualifying Maths Exam may apply in some cases. Interviews are not required.

Science Criteria
Leaving Certificate Maths and science is required or equivalent from further education. Please include statements of Leaving Cert exam. Interviews are not required. This should explain why you are motivated to pursue a degree in your chosen area of interest and how you see your degree being an asset to your future plans. Any personal interests in science would also be of interest.

Applications
Apply through the CAO before February 1st 2022.

Assessment procedure
Emphasis is placed on the academic criteria above and on evidence of recent academic achievements (within the past three years is desirable). Factors which may assist in determining suitability for all courses include:

Relevant work/life experience
Absence of previous opportunity to undertake third-level education
Leaving Certificate results and other educational qualifications

Work/Life experience
A detailed account of this is beneficial to your application. An aptitude for organisation, decision making and management is desirable. Commitment to your interests is sought.

Statement of Intent in the CAO
This should explain why you are motivated to pursue a degree in your chosen area of interest and how you see your degree being an asset to your future plans. Any personal interests in engineering, design, medical devices, computing, building etc. would also be of interest.

Find out more:

www.cao.ie
www.nuigalway.ie/engineering
I chose NUI Galway for a few different reasons. Primarily because it offered me an opportunity to study Psychology, and with hard work, progress to degree level. NUI is also situated close to my home. From living in Galway I knew NUI always had an outstanding reputation. Now, I would describe NUI as another world inside a world!

Before I became a student at NUI I was a full-time mother for 7 years. Prior to that, I had worked in marketing positions. My dream was always to study Psychology so I took a massive leap and applied through arts thinking that my dream wouldn’t come true. The challenges I faced being a mother with two children and also having an unfortunate health condition was difficult, but I just took it one step at a time and that strategy got me through without too much difficulty. I am now heading into my 2nd year studying pure Psychology and am looking forward to every minute of the challenge that it brings.

Being a mature student at NUI Galway has been one of the most rewarding experiences I’ve had in years. I never thought I would be part of such an engaging and supportive environment. The supports at NUI are for everything from academic support, counselling, disability services and most of all, supportive staff who are eager to see students achieve their goals. No matter what part of the college you are in, there is always support and guidance. The mature student’s officers are incredible, offering care and compassion every moment of the journey.
The College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences comprises three schools: Health Sciences, Nursing and Midwifery, and Medicine. We work to provide programmes that are grounded in clinical expertise and cutting-edge research to best prepare you for a challenging career in the changing healthcare environment.

GY501 Bachelor of Medicine (MB) of Surgery (BCh) and of Obstetrics (BAO)
GY502 BSc (Occupational Therapy)
GY503 BSc (Speech and Language Therapy)
GY504 BSc (Podiatric Medicine)
GY515 Bachelor of Nursing Science (General)
GY516 Bachelor of Nursing Science (Mental Health)
GY517 Bachelor of Midwifery Science

DID YOU KNOW
A Foundation Diploma Course in Science, Engineering and Technology best prepares Mature Students for degrees in Health Science.
See page 15 for more information.
Criteria for Medicine
The subject eligibility requirement is a C2/H4 grade in a Leaving Certificate higher level laboratory science subject (i.e. Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Physics with Chemistry (joint) or Agricultural Science) or equivalent. You need to have achieved this grade in order to be eligible to apply, ie you must have achieved this grade by taking the Leaving Certificate examination in the year prior to applying or earlier.

Evidence of English proficiency is required where English is not your first language.

All applicants must sit HPAT-Ireland. You need to register for this in advance. Please see the website for closing date details and date of HPAT-Ireland for 2022 https://hpat-ireland.acer.org/

Applicants’ scores on HPAT-Ireland are used to rank order applicants for a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI). The top performing applicants are called to this interview process. The maximum number of times an applicant can be interviewed is twice.

NUI Galway is an undergraduate medical school, and the mature entry route is aimed at widening diversity. Applicants who qualify to apply for graduate entry medicine elsewhere (i.e. achieving a second class honours, grade one-2:1 undergraduate degree) are not eligible to apply to the NUI Galway Mature Entry Route.

Applicants who have a place in another medical school are not considered eligible to apply for Mature Entry to Medicine at NUI Galway.

Uptake of a place in medicine is contingent on meeting the Garda/Police vetting, Occupational health requirements and good standing regulations, as per NUI Galway admissions policies and regulations.

See website for more details and updates

Criteria for Nursing and Midwifery
An aptitude test is the only requirement considered for Mature Nursing places and is carried out by the NMBI. The score of the test determines places which are highly competitive. A CAO statement of Intent is not required for Nursing.

Having applied through the CAO before February 1st 2022, Mature Applicants must go to https://www.nmbi.ie/Careers-in-Nursing-Midwifery/How-to-apply/Mature-Applicants and follow all instructions so as to register for the Nursing Test. Details of test and handbook are generally available in March. Please contact the NMBI directly for details of test and technical issues or support.

Criteria for Health Sciences
Honours Leaving Certificate Science and work experience in a health care area is required for consideration to Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy and Podiatric Medicine. A strong statement of Intent is required in your CAO application.

Assessment procedure:
Emphasis is placed on the academic criteria above and on evidence of recent academic achievements (within the past three years is desirable). Factors which may assist in determining suitability for all courses include:

Relevant work/life experience
Absence of previous opportunity to undertake third-level education
Leaving Certificate results and other educational qualifications

Work/Life experience
A detailed account of this is beneficial to your application. Knowledge of the degree and profession are required along with evidence of having health care experience.
College of
MEDICINE, NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES AND HEALTH SCIENCES
(CONTINUED)

Statement of Intent in the CAO for Health Sciences:
This should explain why you are motivated to pursue a degree in your chosen area of interest and how you see your degree being an asset to your future plans. Indicate your knowledge of the degree and profession and describe your health care experience clearly with specifics of post and duties held. Include references. Detailed Statements of Intent are recommended, using additional pages, with your CAO number and name on each page, submitted to the CAO for upload to your on-line application.

Applications
Apply through the CAO before February 1st 2022.

Find out more:

- www.nuigalway.ie/medicine/
- www.hpat-ireland.acer.org/
- www.nuigalway.ie/nursing/
- www.nmbi.ie/Careers-in-Nursing-Midwifery
- www.nuigalway.ie/healthsciences/
- www.cao.ie
ANNA PAULA DE AGUIAR MOREIRA, 35 (Science)

I have chosen NUI Galway because its global recognition, as well as modern facilities. My degree programme at the National University of Ireland Galway encompasses a comprehensive range of subject areas and topics related to Environmental Science, including Environmental Microbiology, Botany and Plant Science, Zoology, and Environmental Legislation; I am therefore still open to several different career opportunities.

I am a mother of a beautiful boy, 6 years old who has always dreamed to be Environmental Scientist. I am from Brazil and came to Ireland 5 years ago and I was a full time Deli Supervisor before start my studies at NUI Galway. I was always worried about language, (English as second language) but honestly I found support from family, friends and more importantly from the university. My journey at NUI Galway has been brilliant from the moment I started as Mature Student.
I harboured a desire to have a third level qualification for a long time. A friend suggested I apply to NUI Galway for the part-time Diploma in Foundation Studies (Access) in Ballinasloe. I knew straight away that I needed to do this course if I were to succeed in third level as I had been out of the education for over forty years. This course was invaluable to me and the help and support I received from the co-ordinator and tutors prepared me for my entry into university. I knew NUI Galway was the university for me. In 2018, I successfully completed the Access Course and in September of that year commenced my degree.

I was retired before becoming a mature student at NUI Galway.

I have enjoyed every minute of being a Mature Student. I know the supports are there for me should I need to use them. I feel that I have achieved so much over the last two years, I have met some fantastic people from all age groups and my appetite for knowledge is insuppressible.
Financial Information

Returning to full-time education can place a strain on your finances. There are many factors to be considered - rent, utility bills, food, travel and class materials for example. It is important to evaluate whether you can financially afford to pursue a full-time degree.

Undergraduate Fees
EU undergraduate fees consist of three elements: 1. Tuition Fee (tax exempt) 2. Student contribution charge 3. Student facilities levies (covers cost of registration, examinations and student services).

1. Tuition fee
Under the ‘free fees’ initiative from the Department of Education and Skills, the state pays the tuition fee for eligible full-time, nonrepeat undergraduate EU students who:

- Are first time undergraduates
- Hold EU nationality or official refugee status
- Have been ordinarily resident in an EU member state for at least three of the five years preceding their entry to an approved full-time course.

If you do not satisfy the above criteria for ‘free fees’, you may be eligible for ‘EU fees’. There are two ways to qualify for EU fees, through nationality or residency:

- Nationality: If the student holds EU nationality or official refugee status and where a student has received ALL his/her full-time post-primary education within the EU, but has not been resident for three of the five years immediately prior to university entry, the student is eligible for EU fees. Euro nationality can be proved with an EU passport, an original Irish Birth Certificate, an original EU National Identity Card or official Irish refugee status.

- Residency: The student’s principal residence for the purpose of taxation must have been in an EU member state for at least three of the five years preceding their entry to an approved third-level course. (Prior residence as a full-time student alone does not qualify a student for EU fee rates)

If you do not qualify for the Free Fees Initiative or a Student Grant, then you may be liable to pay the full tuition fees for your programme of study. For all information in relation to fees and related criteria, please refer to www.nuigalway.ie/fees

2. Student contribution charge:
The student contribution charge, which will be approximately €3,000 in 2022, is payable by all students. However, students who have applied and are successful in their application for a higher education grant or scholarship will have this student contribution charge paid on their behalf by the scholarship provider or higher education grant authority.

3. Student facilities levies:
This is payable by all students and will be circa €224 in 2022. Further information may be obtained from the Fees Office

Find Out More
www.nuigalway.ie/fees

Approx Cost of Living for a Mature Person over 9 months

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Funding options

- SUSI Student Grants
- Back to Education Allowance (BTEA) (Department of Social Protection)
SUSI Student Grants
Student Grants are applied for online and are administered centrally through SUSI. If you are eligible, it may cover all or part of your fees and assist you with maintenance payments to contribute to living expenses while you study. The residency requirement in the State for grant eligibility is three out of the past five years for new applicants, be a holder of an EU passport and have official refugee status. The duration of the break in studies required for re-entry as an independently assessed mature student is three years.

BTEA: Typically, a claimant would have to be in receipt of social welfare payments for nine consecutive months or more prior to returning to college, but there can be exceptions to this rule, usually in cases involving statutory redundancy. To see if you qualify for BTEA check www.welfare.ie. Students in receipt of the BTEA are not eligible for the maintenance portion of the Student Grant. Such students should still apply for a grant to pay their registration fees (and in some cases, their tuition fees).

Social Welfare Payments for part-time students
It is possible for mature students who are unemployed to attend part-time programmes at NUI Galway and retain their Jobseeker’s Benefit (JB) or Jobseeker’s Allowance (JA) and associated secondary benefits such as Rent Allowance.

Find Out More:
Department of Social Protection Contacts:
Unemployment Payments/BTEA:
T: 1890 92 79 99
Pension/Invalidity/Disability Payments:
T: 1890 50 00 00
Lone Parent’s Allowance:
T: 1890 92 77 70
www.susi.ie
www.welfare.ie

Scholarships and Bursaries
For a list of additional scholarships and bursaries that you can apply for and will not impact upon SUSI funding or BTEA please see page 13 of this guide. Know when you need to apply. In some cases applications are made before your degree starts.
Frequently Asked Questions

When do you apply?
February 1st 2022 is the deadline for all CAO applications. The CAO office must have received your application and all supporting documentation by this date. Online applications are recommended for admission to NUI Galway’s undergraduate programmes. Using a single CAO application, you may choose from the entire range of courses listed in this guide. You may apply for up to 10 courses in the Level 8 category and 10 courses in the Level 7 category. Please note that all undergraduate degrees taught at NUI Galway are Level 8 degrees.

For more information, contact Central Applications Office Tower House, Eglinton Street, Galway City, Ireland. T: +353 (0)91 509 800 E: info@cao.ie W: www.cao.ie

What happens if my application is unsuccessful and I am not accepted to 2022 entry?
If you are a mature student who has applied for Science/Engineering/Technology/Health Sciences or Business/Arts or Law and have been unsuccessful, an email will be sent to you advising you to apply for the relevant Diploma in Foundation Studies Course in order to meet the criteria for 2023 entry. This email will be sent in late July.

How are applications assessed?
All applications are considered on the grounds of mature numbers that are received by the CAO closing date, 1st February. These applications are processed by the CAO office and forwarded to NUI Galway. NUI Galway does not accept direct applications to the University itself. The University will review each application, seeking evidence of your academic ability as well as your interest in and aptitude for the programme for which you have applied. Refer to each college entry in this guide to see the criteria required for each programme.

What happens if I am successful and accept a place at NUI Galway?
Registration: late August to late September. Registration details will be provided via email to all students after the Leaving Certificate results are released.

Mature Students’ Return to Learning Programme will run in late August. You will receive all information on the Return to Learning programme by email in July 2022 and you will be invited to attend by email.

Main Campus Student Orientation occurs generally the first week in September.

What full-time degree programmes can I apply for?
All of NUI Galway’s degrees are open to mature students.

Where can I get a copy of my Leaving Certificate?
You can request a certified statement of your results from the State Examinations Commission (£14.50) at the following address:
Statements Section,
State Examinations Commission,
Cornamaddy, Athlone,
Co Westmeath.
T: +353 90 6442808/6442810
E: statements@examinations.ie
W: www.examinations.ie

If you completed school leaving exams outside Ireland, you should also include a copy of your results and a certified English translation of the transcript where applicable.

If you sat the Leaving Certificate between 1985 and 2021, you must supply your Leaving Certificate number for some degrees and the year the exam was taken in your CAO application. If you completed the Leaving Certificate prior to 1985, please enclose the official results.

Can I make a late application to NUI Galway after February 1st?
It is not possible to apply on the grounds of mature years after February 1st. However, you may make a late application based on Leaving Certificate results only, up to May 1st. Refer to the Leaving Certificate Points at www.nuigalway.ie/undergrad and see the Undergraduate Prospectus for Matriculation Subject Requirements.

Can I use the change of mind option for NUI Galway’s programmes?
The change of mind option does not apply to mature students applying through the CAO for NUI Galway. February 1st 2022 is the closing date for mature student applications. Once you have submitted your CAO application, a statement of your choices will be sent to you in early February. Only at this point may you add new choices to or delete choices from
your application, if desired. Once you resubmit your confirmation of choices, you can only reorder existing choices up until offers are made in early July. This means you should put your most preferred choice of course at the top of the list, then your second choice, and so on. In accordance with CAO procedures, applicants will only be offered their highest successful preference so it is important that you fill out your CAO choices in order of genuine preference.

When will I know if my application has been successful?
If you are offered a place at NUI Galway you will receive official notification of this from the CAO, usually in early July. The date by which you must accept your offer will be clearly stated on the CAO notification. If CAO applicants do not accept their offer by the stated date, then the place is recalled to be offered to another applicant (2nd round offers). It is essential that you are aware of the date for accepting your offer. You may accept your offer online (www.cao.ie) in the event that you are away from your address.

Your responsibility... If you change your address any time between February and the end of June you need to change to the correct address.

Can I apply to St. Angela’s College, Sligo as a Mature Student?
St. Angela’s College is affiliated with NUI Galway and mature students are welcome to apply to all degree programmes. For information on their degrees, application process and quotas of places, please refer to www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie
## Leaving Certificate Points Converter Pre-2017

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As I found out by checking Undergraduate Courses all around Ireland, NUI Galway was – and is – the best chance for me to mix the subjects I am most interested in.

I wanted to start again from the scratch even if I attended an MA at the University of Limerick since my priority were the basics of English Literature: this is why I decided to go for an Arts BA - Joint Honours; I am about to start my second year.

I had previously studied Italian Literature and Classical Studies in my home country.

Before I became a student at NUI Galway I was an author – still am – and journalist; I worked more than 20 yrs with daily newspapers and, lately, for an NGO which provides support and help to a Hospital in North Uganda-West Nile region.

NUI Galway gave me an amazing opportunity to study what I really love. Lecturers, tutors and officers are supportive and the environment is serene and motivating.
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Pictured above, the new O’Donoghue Centre for Drama, Theatre and Performance at NUI Galway, has been voted Ireland’s favourite new building: it was the Public Choice in this year’s RIAI Irish Architecture Awards 2017. The project involved the complete renovation and refurbishment of the building and provides a home for Drama, Theatre and Performance studies at NUI Galway.

This pioneering Centre includes a 120-seat theatre space with retractable tiered seating allowing for multi-functional use and accessibility. It comprises of studio spaces, classrooms, and a workshop and rehearsal room that will have a transformative effect not only on the University’s students but on the vibrant cultural hinterland that surrounds the NUI Galway campus.
Useful Contacts

Mature Students Office
NUI Galway Access Centre
Áras Uí Chathail
www.nuigalway.ie/mature
maturestudents@nuigalway.ie

Access Programmes
NUI Galway Access Centre
www.nuigalway.ie/access
access@nuigalway.ie

Disability Support Service
NUI Galway Access Centre
www.nuigalway.ie/disability
disabilityservice@nuigalway.ie

Traveller Education Officer
Access Centre
Áras Uí Chathail
owen.ward@nuigalway.ie

Adult Learning and Professional Development
Nuns’ Island, NUI Galway
T + 353 91 494 066
adultlearning@nuigalway.ie

Main NUI Galway Switchboard
T +353 91 524 411
F +353 91 494521
www.nuigalway.ie
www.oegaillimh.ie

Student Information Desk (General Student Enquiries)
Áras Uí Chathail
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T + 353 91 495 999
www.nuigalway.ie/sid
sid@nuigalway.ie

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T +353 91 492 386
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fees@nuigalway.ie

Accommodation and Welfare Office
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teresa.kelly@nuigalway.ie
T +353 91 492 760/493 540
angela.walsh@nuigalway.ie
T +353 91 495 282
una.mcdermott@nuigalway.ie

International Affairs Office – (Non-EU Applicants)
NUI Galway
T +353 91 495 277
www.nuigalway.ie/international
international@nuigalway.ie

Alumni Office
NUI Galway
T +353 91 494310
www.nuigalway.ie/alumni
alumni@nuigalway.ie

Sports Scholarships
NUI Galway
T +353 91 493 475
www.nuigalway.ie/sports
michael.heskin@nuigalway.ie
For all other entrance scholarships, contact the Admissions Office at www.nuigalway.ie/admissions/scholarships

Access Centre
Áras Uí Chathail
NUI Galway
www.nuigalway.ie/accesscentre
The NUI Galway Access Centre provides support for students participating on access programmes, students with disabilities and mature students.

Other useful contacts

National University of Ireland (NUI)
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Dublin 2
T +353 1 439 2424
www.nui.ie

Central Applications Office (CAO)
Tower House
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